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ROUTINE USAREUR 69.FOLLOWING ADN (EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY) ARTICLE APPEARED TODAY
FRONT PAGE NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (SED PARTY ORGAN):

BEGIN TEXT

NATO AIR FORCE AGAIN VIOLATES GDR AIR SPACE

INSTANCES VIOLATION AIR SPACE GDR BY COMBAT PLANES OF AGGRESSIVE
NATO BLOC RECENTLY INCREASING. THUS SEPTEMBER 29 ABOUT 1150
HOURS TWO ARMED JET AIRCRAFT WEST ZONE NATO AIR FORCE ENTERED
TERRITORY GDR IN DISTRICT HILDBURGHUSEN, OVERFLEW AT ALTITUDE
800 METERS HELDBURG, STREUFDOF, VIELSDORF, EISFELD AND ALMERSWIND
(KREIS SONNEBERG), AND THEREBY PENETRATED 17 KMS INTO AIR SPACE
GDR. FLIGHT OF AIRCRAFT OVER TERRITORY GDR AMOUNTED TO ABOUT
50 KMS. A FURTHER AIRCRAFT OF BONN BUNDESWEHR TWO-MOTORED
COMBAT AIRCRAFT COMING FROM BUEDDENSTEDT SEPTEMBER 29 AT ABOUT
1145 HOURS, SEVERAL TIMES OVERFLEW AT VARIOUS ALTITUDES NUMBER
PLACES IN DISTRICT OSCHERSLEBEN AND ONLY AFTER FLYING 25
MINUTES OVER TERRITORY GDR FLEW OFF DIRECTION WEST GERMANY.

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SOVIETS HAVE NOT RPT NOT PROTESTED THESE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
IN BERLIN AIR SAFETY CENTER. ALTHOUGH HERETOFORE ALLEGED

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RAISED FIRST IN BASC.

ALTHOUGH THIS FIRST INCIDENT MISSION RECALLS INVOLVING FEDREP
PLANE, SOVIETS HAVE PREVIOUSLY PROTESTED IN BASC REGARDING
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS PLANES BELONGING TO OTHER THAN FORMER
OCCUPYING POWERS. LAST SOVIET COMPLAINT BASC MADE SEPT 25
AND CONCERNED US PLANES.

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